

'Do's' and 'Don'ts' for Holiday Season

Police Chief Cites List of Precautions For Yule Shoppers

Chief Percy G. Bennett of the Torrance Police Department this week reminded Christmas shoppers not to leave their packages in plain view in an unlocked vehicle. Numerous complaints were received from citizens last year who returned to their automobiles to find that packages had been taken during their absence.

"This type of ruthless thief is particularly vicious," Chief Bennett stated. "The fact that he is stealing the presents of small children, presents that sometimes can't be replaced, doesn't bother him at all."

LOCK IN TRUNK

Bennett recommended that all Christmas parcels, particularly the valuable ones, be kept locked in the trunk of the vehicle, out of sight and difficult to force an entrance.

Chief Bennett said that he also will advocate that citizens of Torrance follow a policy pioneered by county sheriff's office of keeping a light burning in the house at night when the resident is away. He noted that keeping lights burning at night tended to discourage burglaries, prevalent at this time of year, and added that other areas that followed this practice had seen a tremendous decrease in this type of crime.

Bennett also warned merchants to watch out for the "phony check artist" who takes advantage of crowds in stores during the rush hours to pass bad checks.

Bad check passers may use checks that resemble checks used by local firms, he said. He recommended that all persons accepting checks examine them closely as well as any identification presented.

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Highway Patrol Statistics Indicate 99 Traffic Fatalities Over Yule Holiday

The California Highway Patrol looked ahead to the

holiday season, foresaw a scene of tragedy on the highways, then elaborated plans to combat the accident toll which predictions indicate will take 60 lives over Christmas weekend and 39 over New Year's.

"The Patrol is determined to prove those figures wrong, but it will take more than the increased vigilance and added enforcement emphasis which we will bring to bear. It also demands the motoring public's commitment to display mature conduct on the highway," Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden said.

"During both the 78-hour holidays, every available patrol man will be on the road. Officers will be particularly watchful for moving violations—those responsible for the most accidents—such as drinking drivers and excessive speed.

"In some localities traffic checks may be conducted, at the option of the Patrol zone commander, as a further

protection for motorists using the roads on these weekends.

"Last year, 56 persons died as the result of traffic accidents which occurred during Christmas weekend, and another 46 lost their lives in New Year's crashes. Those figures don't have to be repeated this year. Remember that traffic is heavier during a holiday; allow extra time for your trip. Weather may be a hazard; make common sense adjustments in your driving.

"Most important of all, drive legally. Violations cause accidents. Your greatest contribution toward traffic safety is your continuing compliance with traffic law," the commissioner said.

Chest Volunteers End Campaign; Goal Reached

The 1961-62 Harbor Area Community Chest campaign ended Friday with a report meeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

However, local residents missed during the general appeal can still give by mailing a contribution to Chest headquarters at 1427 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro.

At the report meeting harbor area volunteers chalked up \$99,322 or 98.61 per cent of their quota, keeping the area in third place in the overall Los Angeles campaign. San Fernando Valley reported the highest amount of money with more than 100 per cent of quota raised. Goal set for the Harbor area was \$100,770.

John Sonneborn, vice-chairman for the harbor area campaign, commended volunteer leaders and workers from this area who participated in the drive. He also praised area residents for "meeting their community responsibility" by donating to the Chest fund.

Sonneborn said that any assignments not yet completed must be finished before Christmas.

"We have almost reached our goal," he said, "and if those few remaining assignments could be completed, the extra dollars would certainly bring us nearer our quota."

Best results in the harbor area campaign came from Harbor City-Lomita, which reported some 140 per cent of goal. Palos Verdes was second with 108.22 per cent of goal. Torrance went over its quota by 11 points.

Mrs. Robert Place, residential chairman, received the Residential Achievement Award for the residential

campaign which reported more than 100 per cent of goal.

Results of other cities at the final meeting were:

San Pedro, 90 per cent; Rolling Hills, 89.36; Gardena, 85.68; Wilmington, 85.18.

State May Be Forced to Borrow

Heavy demands on the State's General Fund will make necessary additional borrowing during December, State Controller Alan Cranston said today.

Cranston said he has requested permission from Governor Edmund G. Brown to borrow an additional \$50 million from the same source in October. All such borrowing must be authorized by the Governor at the request of the Controller.

The Controller pointed out that December expenditures will include \$65 million in school apportionments. He explained that the scheduling of monthly apportionments among schools provides for an additional payment in December to cover partially the costs of transportation, education of the mentally retarded, driver training and other special uses.

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California receives 3.3 per cent of its total expenditure for public elementary and secondary schools from the Federal Government. Average for all states is 3 per cent.

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE—Mrs. Edward Schneider, Torrance Community Chest residential chairman, and John Sonneborn, vice-chairman for the Harbor Area campaign, demonstrate how residents can still help the appeal by mailing a donation to Community Chest at 142 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro.

Record Amount of Gasoline Taxes Up for Distribution

Highway-user taxes produced a record gross total of \$102,247,000 of State revenues in the third quarter of 1961, Richard Nevins, Fourth District member of the State Board of Equalization, announced today. Assessments were up three million dollars, or three percent from those of the third quarter of 1960.

Taxable distributions of gasoline amounted to 1,540,000,000 gallons in the third quarter. This volume was 41 million gallons, or 3 percent, over that reported for the comparable quarter of 1960. The six-cents-per-gallon State tax on the third-quarter sales produced nearly \$92.4 million.

Diesel fuel sales reached 82.4 million gallons, up almost six million gallons, or 7.6 percent from those of a year ago. The seven-cents-per-gallon tax on this fuel yielded the State \$5,770,000. Distributions of liquid petroleum gases, such as butane, propane, and isobutane amounted to 5,597,000 gallons, down slightly from second-quarter distributions. The six-cents-per-gallon tax on these fuels produced \$336,000.

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Factory Hiring in Area Declines Sharply in Sept.

The factory hiring rate declined during September following the high rate reported in the previous month when recalls in the auto industry were underway. Separations moved up in most industry groups because of the usual end-of-summer rise in quits.

Total factory hirings declined from 5.7 per 100 employed in August to 5.2 per 100 employed in September reflecting fewer recalls of workers. New hires, however, were virtually unchanged over the month. Accessions dropped sharply in the transportation group from 6.8 to 4.3 per 100 because rehiring in the aircraft industry slackened and automobile model changeovers were completed. The downturn also reflected a seasonal contraction in hiring by glass manufacturers and toy producers.

Total separations from 4.8 per 100 employed in August to 5.3 per 100 in September because of a rise in quits from 2.3 to 2.8 per 100. The quit rate, which usually rises in September as students leave summer jobs, was the highest in two years. The layoff rate was

unchanged at 1.6 per 100 from August to September because small decreases in most durable goods industries offset seasonal contraction in the nondurables. Layoffs rose sharply in leather because of seasonal layoffs by a major shoe manufacturer and destruction of a plant in this industry by fire.

Compared to September 1960 data, current labor turnover rates continued to reflect basic improvement in manufacturing. The new hire rate exceeded that of a year ago and layoffs were substantially lower.

Savings Bond Sales Up for So. California

In a county-by-county listing, United States Savings Bonds sales for the January through November period in Southern California edged up 1.7 per cent over the same period of a year ago and included six strong "gain" counties.

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